

granted routinely and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances which include but are not limited to: the impending expiration of the agreement; operational urgency; Federal or State imposed time limitations; or other reasons which, in the Commission's discretion, constitute grounds for granting the request.

(b) A request for expedited approval will be considered for an agreement whose waiting period has resumed after having been suspended by a request for additional information.

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**§ 572.606 Requests for additional information.**

(a) The Commission may request from the filing party any additional information and documentary material necessary to complete the statutory review required by section 6 of the Act. The request shall be made prior to the expiration of the waiting period. All additional information and documentary material shall be submitted to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573. If the request is not fully complied with, a statement of reasons for noncompliance shall be provided for each item or portion of such request which is not fully answered.

(b) Where the Commission has made a request for additional information material, the agreement's effective date is 45 days after receipt of the additional material. In the event all material is not submitted, the agreement's effective date will be 45 days after receipt of both the documents and information which are submitted, if any, and the statement indicating the reasons for noncompliance. The Commission may, upon notice to the Attorney General, and pursuant to sections 6(i) and 6(k) of the Act, request the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to further extend the agreement's effective date until there has been substantial compliance.

(c) A request for additional information may be made orally or in writing. In the case of an oral request, a written confirmation of the request shall be

mailed to the filing party within seven days of the communication.

(d) The party upon whom a request for additional information is made will have a reasonable time to respond, as specified by the Commission. The test of reasonableness shall be based on the particular circumstances of the request and shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

(e) Notice that a request for additional information has been made will be published by the Commission and served on commenting parties. Such notice will indicate only that a request has been made and will not specify what information is being sought. Within fifteen (15) days following service of the notice, further comments on the agreement may be filed.

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**§ 572.607 Failure to comply with requests for additional information.**

(a) A failure to comply with a request for additional information results when a person filing an agreement, or an officer, director, partner, agent, or employee thereof fails to substantially respond to the request or does not file a satisfactory statement of reasons for noncompliance. An adequate response is one which directly addresses the Commission's request. When a response is not received by the Commission within a specified time, failure to comply will have occurred.

(b) The Commission may, pursuant to section 6(i) of the Act, request relief from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia when it considers that there has been a failure to substantially comply with a request for additional information. The Commission may request that the court:

(1) Order compliance with the request; and

(2) At its discretion, grant other equitable relief which under the circumstances seems necessary or appropriate.

(c) Where there has been a failure to substantially comply, section 6(i)(2) of the Act provides that the court shall extend the review period until there has been substantial compliance.